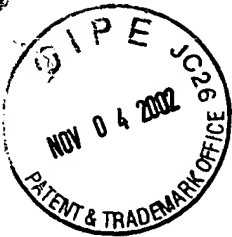


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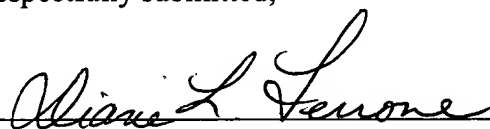
**PETITION FOR TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

It is requested that the three-month shortened statutory period set for responding to the Office Action dated June 4, 2002 be extended for an additional two-month period to and including November 4, 2002

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(2) (large entity) and any additional fees to **Deposit Account No. 03-3839**.

Respectfully submitted,

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